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Summary  
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[1](#)1. (SBU) Summary: The Ambassador chaired a meeting of the Emergency Action Committee December 6 to review the Embassy's security posture following reports that Consulate General Jeddah had been attacked. After reviewing the known facts about the attack, members of the EAC noted there was no new threat reporting specific to Oman, and concluded that there have been no substantive changes in the local security environment. The EAC did, however, agree to reconvene tomorrow, December 7, to discuss updates on the Jeddah attack. End Summary.

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Security Environment  
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[1](#)2. (S/NF) The Ambassador chaired a meeting of the Emergency Action Committee ("EAC") December 6 to review the Embassy's security posture following reports that gunmen had attacked Consulate General Jeddah. The meeting opened with a review of the known facts, derived from both official and press reporting. RSO advised that immediately following initial reports of the attack, he requested augmented Royal Oman Police (ROP) coverage at both the Chancery and in residential neighborhoods; RMAS advised that they are in the process of requesting the same via their Omani government counterparts. Marine Security Guard, Surveillance Detection Unit, and local guard personnel were also briefed accordingly. RSO confirmed that details on the Jeddah attack will be briefed to U.S. Secret Service advance personnel preparing for the upcoming

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visit of Vice President and Mrs. Cheney to Muscat on December [1](#)7.

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Impact on Upcoming Events  
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[1](#)3. (SBU) The EAC again reviewed security preparations for the 229th U.S. Marine Corps Birthday Ball, to be held at the InterContinental Muscat on December 9. The EAC agreed to move forward with the event, which will receive extensive ROP support. RSO reiterated the ROP's responsiveness to the Embassy's security needs, as witnessed by the protective security coverage provided for a recent event sponsored by The American International School of Muscat.

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EAC Conclusion  
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[1](#)5. (S/NF) After carefully reviewing the known facts about the attack in Jeddah, EAC members noted no new threat reporting specific to Oman, and concurred that there have been no substantive changes in previously reported assessments of the local security and threat environments (reftel B). Nonetheless, the EAC remains acutely aware of the need to monitor both the regional and local security situation, and is prepared to take the necessary countermeasures should changes to either occur. AMB, DCM, RSO, ARSO, RMAS, P/E, PAO, CONS, MGT, MSG, DAO, OMC (USDR), and ECA (USCENTAF) participated in the meeting.

[1](#)6. (SBU) The EAC will reconvene tomorrow, December 7, to discuss updates on the Jeddah attack.  
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